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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4-26-54

WEATHER Temperatures averaged from 2° above the seasonal normal in the northwest to 7° above in the southeast. Freezing temperatures were reported in the Panhandle and north-central portions Wednesday morning and again on Thursday morning over most of the west and north portions. Light to locally moderate showers fell over the west and central and moderate to heavy showers over the east portion.

CROPS Winter wheat condition improved in the State during the past week. The improvement in the eastern and southern area more than offset the deterioration that occurred in some Panhandle counties and the southwest. In the eastern counties the plants have a good color and stooling is about average. Some mosaic has been reported in counties bordering Kansas and there is considerable root rot in Kimball county. Moisture is needed in the southwest and in the Panhandle.

Planting oats and barley is practically completed. Most of the acreage of these crops is up to a good stand and has made excellent development during the past week. Planting of sugar beets is well underway and with favorable weather should be nearing completion at the close of this week.

Practically all land that will be devoted to corn and sorghum has been tilled and seed beds are excellent. There has been more than the usual amount of spraying for control of corn root worm and it is evident there will be heavy usage of commercial fertilizers. Many farmers that have sprinkler systems have been irrigating their corn land in order to insure sufficient moisture to carry the crop into July.

PASTURE, RANGE AND LIVESTOCK Pasture grasses, particularly brome grass, in the eastern part of the State, made good growth during the past week. In the southwest and central areas, pastures have been slow to develop and hay feeding has been necessary. Many pastures have been grazed most severely and the comeback will be slow. Sandhill ranges have good moisture and will make rapid growth under favorable temperatures. Most ranchers are about ready to turn hords on to summer ranges.

The calving season is well advanced and most of the young calves are in very good condition. Death losses have been comparatively light. Weather conditions have been quite favorable for the saving of pigs from spring farrowings.

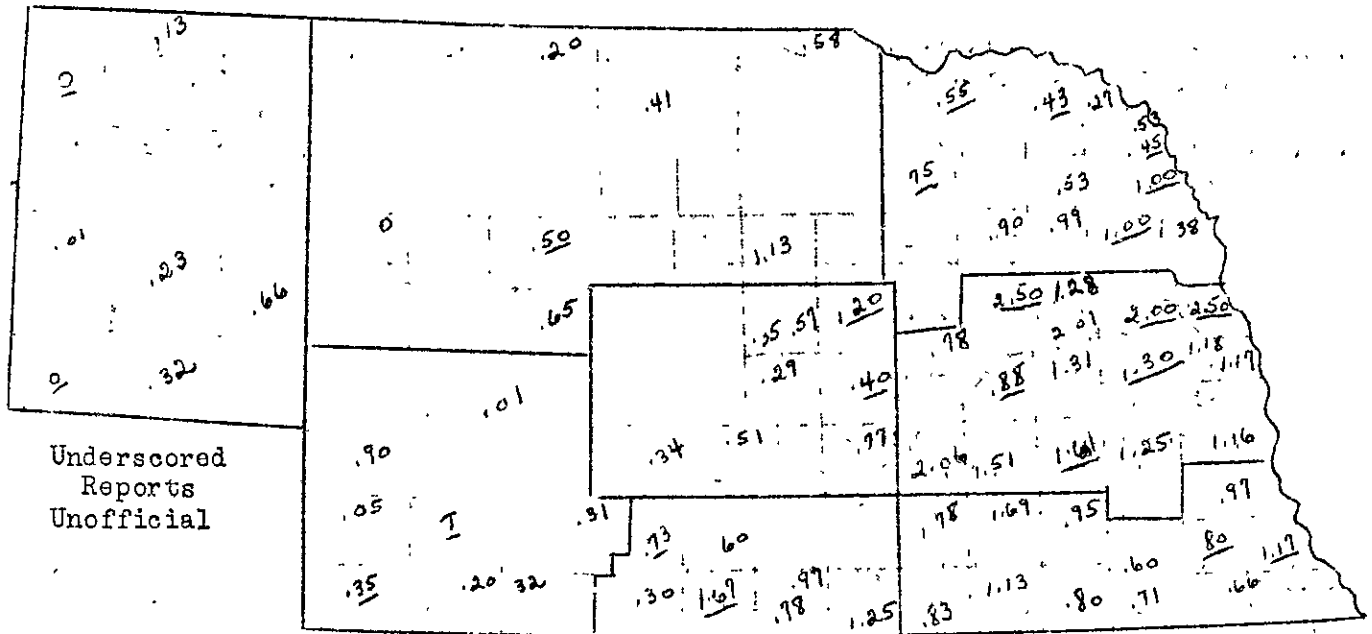
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 1954

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.77	Burwell	.53	
Lincoln	1.12	Lexington	.34	
Norfolk	.76	North Platte	.01	
Omaha	1.04	Valentine	.05	
Sioux City	.46		Chadron	.19
			Imperial	.05
			Scottsbluff	.18
			Sidney	.32

Precipitation April 1-23, 1954

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Average past week	1.09	0.49	0.28
Total since April 1	1.67	0.77	0.46
Normal since April 1	1.86	1.77	1.54

Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 23, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Max. for preceding 24 hours, Min. for preceding night)

		April													
		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	57	33	64	28	51	30	67	40	82	35	68	50	78	47
	Scottsbluff	54	40	66	28	51	32	69	34	83	39	67	46	81	51
	Sidney	50	37	65	29	51	29	60	33	83	41	68	48	77	47
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	55	30	49	42	68	50	66	49	85	58
	Valentine	50	45	68	30	51	25	52	40	83	39	64	44	74	48
NE	Norfolk	59	44	57	43	58	31	48	46	63	56	63	52	88	61
	Sioux City	59	44	58	47	58	33	52	45	65	59	--	--	--	--
Cen.	Grand Island	61	46	61	44	59	33	50	46	69	58	64	51	85	60
	Lexington	57	41	74	40	60	30	48	44	73	49	65	50	85	60
E-C	Lincoln	61	51	68	52	61	37	55	49	72	62	76	57	86	66
	Omaha	63	50	63	54	60	36	57	50	69	59	82	58	91	68
SW	Imperial	58	40	73	37	56	27	56	37	84	46	71	46	80	47
	North Platte	52	37	74	38	57	28	51	39	75	48	71	49	84	57

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